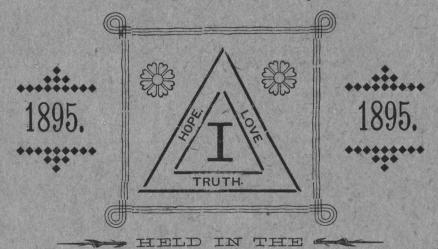


TWELFTH - ANNUAL - SESSION

GRAND COUNCIL

Royal Templars of Temperance



TRADES' UNION HALL, WINNIPEG,

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday,
February 19th, 20th and 21st.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM.

DEATH BENEFIT DEPARTMENT.

MONTHLY ASSESSMENTS.

Class.	Age.	\$500	\$1000	\$2000	\$3000
A	16 to 25	\$0 25	\$0.50	\$1 00	\$1 50
B	25 to 30	0 28	0 55	1 10	1 65
C	30 to 35	0 30	0 60	1 20	1 80
Di	35 to 40	0 34	0 67	1 35	2 02
E	40 to 45	0 38	0 75	1 50	2 25
F	45 to 50	0 43	0 85	1 70	2 55

REGULATIONS.

A MEMBER who is not considered a first-class risk, but yet desirable, may be accepted on condition of paying assessments in a higher class than age indicates. An assessment of the same amount as paid at entrance will be due on the first day of every month, and also five cents from each member (ten cents for \$3000) to cover the working expenses of the beneficiary department. The prompt payment of these amounts and the maintenance of the pledge and laws of the Order, will entitle the person or persons named in the certificate to the amount for which it is drawn, on the decease of the member. Extra assessments may be called for if the monthly assessments do not produce a sufficient amount to pay claims.

TOTAL DISABILITY.

A TOTAL Disability Benefit, payable upon proof of total disability, or upon attaining the age of seventy, is available for members who obtain a certificate providing for Death and Total Disability Benefits. The maximum total disability benefit is a sum equal to one-half the death benefit, it is not deducted from the latter as in some societies, and is payable in four equal annual instalments. The assessments for this feature are of the same amount as the mortuary assessments and are payable once in four months. Two of the assessments in each year are placed in a reserve fund to meet the claims that mature through old age: the third is used in meeting special cases of total disability. One assessment per annum has hitherto proved sufficient to meet special claims, but provision is made for emergency assessments if they become necessary.

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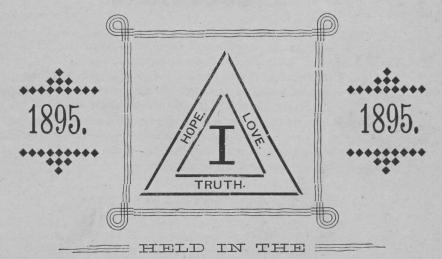
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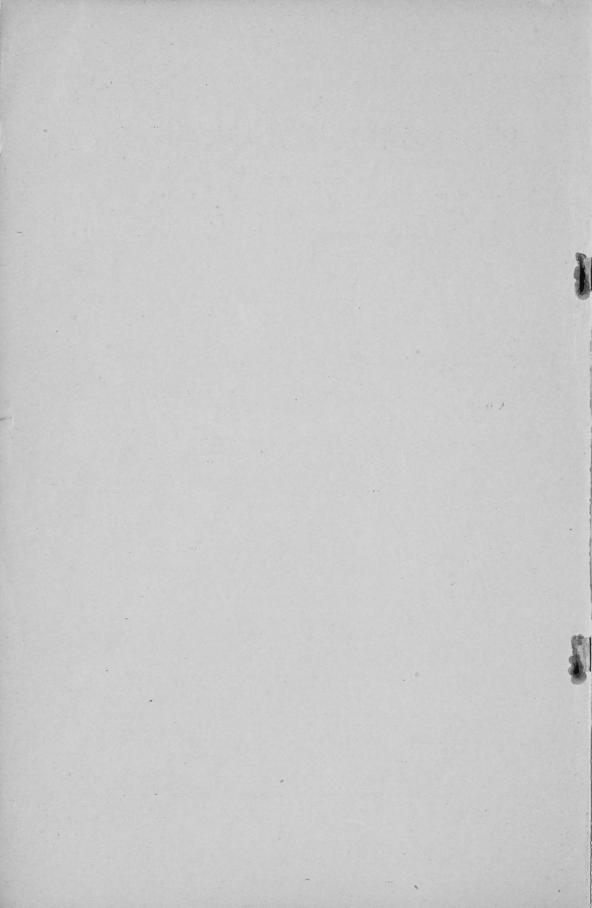
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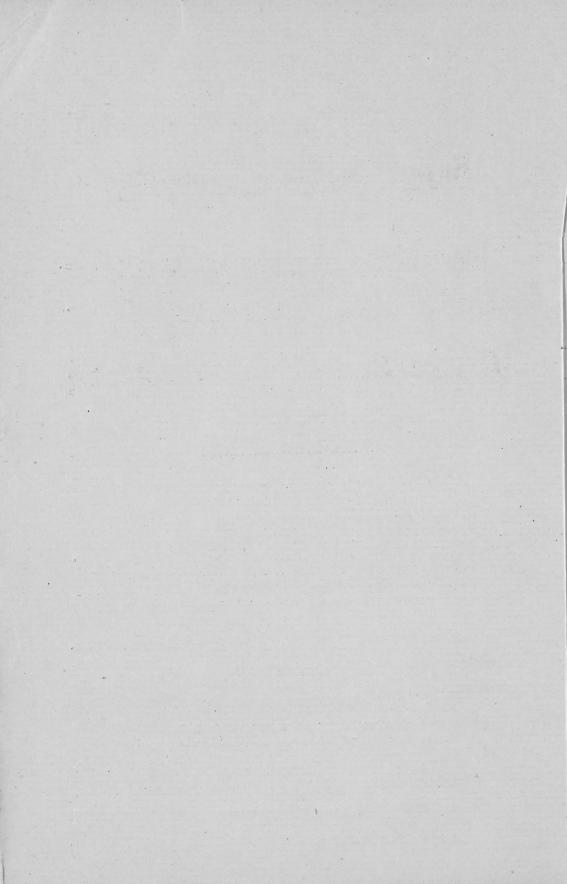
And by Adjournment, on the Following day.

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Officers of the Grand Council 1895:

GRAND COUNCILLOR,
Rev. J. W. RunionsChater, Man.
GRAND VICE-COUNCILLOR,
Mrs. W. D. Atwell,
GRAND PAST COUNCILLOR,
Rev. J. M. Harrison,
GRAND CHAPLAIN,
Rev. W. A. Vrooman, Boissevain, Man.
GRAND SECRETARY,
F. J. Allan, Box 704, Winnipeg, Man.
· Grand Treasurer,
J. A. Davis, Winnipeg, Man.
GRAND AUDITOR,
D. McLellan, Winnipeg, Man.
GRAND HERALD,
A. F. Andrews, Stockton, Man.
GRAND GUARD,
W. D. Atwell,Norman, Ont.
GRAND SENTINEL,
T. Blackwell
GRAND DEPUTY HERALD,
W. H. Hall,Virden, Man.
GRAND TRUSTEES,
A. C. McKinnon, (for 3 years)
James Emmond (for 2 years)
J. E. Ellis, (for 1 year)
REPRESENTATIVE TO DOMINION COUNCIL,
Rev. Alfred Andrews
ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO DOMINION COUNCIL.
Rev. J. M. Harrison,
GRAND SUPERINTENDENT OF WHITE CROSS,



Royal Templars of Temperance.

Tweltsh Annual Session

OF THE

Grand Council of Manitoba.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY-OPENING SESSION.

Winnipeg, Man., Tuesday, February 19th, 1895

The Grand Council of Manitoba, Royal Templars of Temperance, assembled at nine o'clock a.m., on Tuesday, the 19th day of February, A. D. 1895, in the Trades' Union Hall, Winnipeg.

The Grand Chaplain, Rev. J. W. Runions, conducted devotional exercises for one hour, after which the Twelfth Annual Session was opened in accordance with the Constitution by the Grand Councilor, Rev. J. M. Harrison.

When the Credential Committee presented their complete report the Grand officers and delegates in attendance were as follows. viz.

GRAND OFFICERS.

Rev. J. M. Harrison,	Grand Councillor.
Rev. Alfred Andrews,	Grand Past Councillor.
Mrs. W. D. Atwell,	Grand Vice-Councillor.
Rev. J. W. Runions,	Grand Chaplain.
F. J. Allan,	Grand Secretary.
J. A. Davis	
J. B. Graham,	Grand Guard.

	J. Emmond,	Grand Tr	rustee.	
	J. E. Ellis,			
	D. McLellan,	Grand At	laitor.	
	A. McDiarmid, M. D.,			
	J. W. Kennedy,	Grand Past Coun	icinor.	
	REPRESENTA	ATIVES.		
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	J. R. McNamara,		1.	
	J. H. Kennedy,		1.	
	T. H. Taylor,	Minnedosa '	36.	
	W. D. Atwell,	Rockland '	6 50.	
	J. A. McArthur, M. D.,	Winnipeg '	107.	
	Rev. W. A. Vrooman,	Workers	46.	i.
	D. Budge		61.	
	R. T. Davis,	Prairie '	. 73.	
	Rev. G. H. Long,	Plum Creek '	48.	
	W H. Hall,		51.	
	Geo. H. Healey,		51.	
	A. F. Andrews,		96.	
	T. H. Bowes,		. 2.	
	Geo. Smith,		106.	
: .	W. H. Morgan		2.	
	G. H. Blackwell,		" 70.	
	Rev. T. M. Talbot,		110.	
	J. W. Vaughan,		112,	
	Mrs. J. W. Vaughan,		· 111.	
	Joseph Lyon,		" 54.	
	Rev. McKay Omand,		100.	
	D. Ferguson,		93.	
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SESSIONS.

The daily sessions were fixed as follows:— Morning Session, 9 a. m. to 12 a. m.; Afternoon Session, 2 p. m. to 6 p. m.; Evening Session 8 p. m. to 10 p. m.

SESSIONAL COMMITTEES.

The Grand Councillor appointed the following Sessional Committees, which were approved by the Grand Council:—

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

Bros. Rev. G. H. Long, J. Lyon, R. Kee, J. H. Kennedy.

TEMPERANCE WORK.

Bros. Rev. A. Andrews, W. H., Hall, D. Ferguson, J. B. Graham, J. W. Cooke. J. W. Vaughan.

MEMORIALS.

Bros. Rev. J. W. Runions, J. A. McArthur, M. D., Geo. Henselwood, D. Budge, G. Blackwell.

STATE AND EXTENSION.

Bros. Rev. W. A. Vrooman, Geo. Smith, W. D. Atwell, D. Ferguson, Rev. T. M. Talbot.

FINANCE.

Bros. A. C. McKinnon, J. E. Ellis, Jas. Emmond, D. McLellan.

DISTRIBUTION.

Bros. A. F. Andrews. Geo. H. Healey, T. Taylor.

WHITE CROSS WORK.

Sister Vaughan, Sister Atwell, Bro. J. W. Morley, Bro. Geo. Black.
LEGISLATION.

Bros. Rev. J. M. Harrison, Rev. A. Andrews, Rev. G. H. Long, Jas. Emmond, J. A. McArthur, M. D.

FRATERNAL COURTESIES.

Bros. Rev. A. Andrews, W. D. Atwell, W. H. Hall, R. Kee.

Bros. Rev. A. Andrews, J. E. Ellis, J. W. Kennedy, J. R. McNamara.

Bro. Rev. A. Andrews was appointed reporter for the "Templar;" Bro. W. H. Hall for the "Winnipeg Tribune;" Bro. R. Kee for the "Free Press;" and Bro. W. D. Atwell for the "Nor'-Wester."

Grand Councilor's Report.

Bro. Rev. J. M. Harrison presented his report for the past year as follows:—

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Council of Manitoba assembled in our Twelfth Annual Session.

Dear fellow laborers in the most noble cause of all moral reforms, we gladly welcome you once more in our annual gathering, where I trust the review of the year's work will greatly encourage; and if failure has been

recorded on any line, I pray that such may only be an inspiration to more persistent effort and greater devotion on the part of every loyal heart, and that such may serve as stepping stones to greater successes and more thoroughly organized work.

Our growth throughout the Dominion has been very pronounced during the last year. In the Province of Manitoba we have not achieved the successes which the excellencies of our organization would most naturally lead us to believe ought to have been recorded; but your Executive felt bound by the resolution your Honourable Body passed last year to reduce expenses and endeavor to perfect the excellent work inaugurated by our predecessors, by which at an early date all the heavy debt, which has, for so long a time, been seriously crippling our movements, might be discharged. Late in the season our old and well tried friends, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan, accepted the only offer we felt justified in making, and you will be glad to learn that they have been successful in organizing five Select Councils.

At the request of your Executive I visited a number of the Councils during the year and my only regret is that I could not have made a tour of the whole Province and given as well as received inspiration from personal contact and closer acquaintance with our noble band of workers. The Secretary's report will give you a detailed statement of our relative numerical standing.

ORGANIZATION.

A review of the year's work will demonstrate the necessity of more thorough organization. You will be pleased to know that the special assessment of one dollar made on the Select Degree members is already bearing excellent fruit. The growth of the Second degree which has been made during the last six months has not been paralleled during the history of our organization. The failure in growth in our own Province has been largely owing to the fact that the Select Degree has not been understood. Where properly understood and thoroughly worked it has proven a tower of strength to all the Councils. We would urge upon all Councils where there is no Select Degree to hasten its organization. At the request of members of the Executive, Bros. R. D. Rorison and J. W. Morley were given commissions as special organizers for the Province, and most excellent work has been done. We think that with closer attention devoted to this work greater permanency will be given to our Royal Templarism.

We would recommend that steps be taken to secure the engagement of one or two earnest, faithful, intelligent and devoted friends, who shall spend all their time in visiting existing Councils and unorganized territory.

By direction of the Executive I visited Hamilton last September with a view to induce the General Manager, W. W. Buchanan, to pay Manitoba a visit. Because of his former close relations to this Grand Council and deep love for you, I was most cordially received. I had fully expected, until the 28th of January, that he would have been with us. Bro. Buchanan express-

es regret that he is detained by the earnest persistence of the Eastern Grand Councils. We believe that the presence of the General Manager would be a wonderful help, and further, we are convinced that we have equal rights with our eastern brethren to what help can be given by the Supreme Officers, and if there be a balance anywhere it is with us because of our greater need.

We would recommend, in view of this fact, that such action be taken by this Grand Council as will insure the presence of the General Manager among our local Councils at an eary date.

While dealing with this matter, permit me to urge every Council, through their representatives, to put forth every effort to increase the circulation of the "Weekly Templar" as the very best means of promoting Prohibition; for the "Templar," is undoubtedly the foremost prohibition advocate of the Dominion, and will certainly be the strongest factor in moulding public sentiment and in introducing Prohibitive Legislation.

An offer was received from the newly organized "Emerald Trio" to be present at our Grand Council and to immediately enter upon a campaign, but your Executive felt that they could hardly undertake so grave a responsibility without your concurrence, hence, as the Grand Secretary's report will show, the whole matter has been referred to you.

By adhering closely to the policy of the previous Executive you will be glad to know that the whole of the old debt has been met, and as the report of the Treasurer will show, the Grand Council has not stood on a stronger tinancial foundation since organization. In view of the excessive monetary stringency of the past two years the loyalty of our people has been greatly tried, and we whould here record our very high regard of the spirit of devotion exhibited by our membership while we have felt compelled to lay the heavy burden of taxation upon them. With such loyal hearts and willing workers we fear no difficulties and dare any enterprise which has for its object the furtherance of our cause and the elevation of morality. A recommendation will be presented by the Grand Secretary from the Executive asking a reduction in the per capita, which we trust will meet your approval.

I feel that while all have done well in the work of the year, it is due to ourselves to make special mention of the activity of Souris Council, by which for a term of more than three months licenses were taken from all hotels, and if all friends of Temperance had proven true the licenses would not have been renewed.

As has been so often observed, our most successful opposition comes not from the ranks of our enemies, but from the apathy of our so-called friends. We need to enter upon a more earnest crusade against all forms of vice, directing our heaviest shots against the liquor traffic as being the parent of crime, but not failing to prosecute with unabated vigor all other reforms. I would desire to direct especial attention to the articles on Social Purity, which are edited by Rev. Mr. Watch. Few questions demand more prompt

or prayerful consideration. In this connection I would press npon every member of our local Councils the necessity of more earnest effort to not only reach the youth, who are our greatest hope, but prosecute with greater vigor the work of reform.

All earnest workers will have noted with pleasure the growing interest in Prohibition, as manifested by the pointed questions submitted to the representative politicians who are catering for the support of the electorate. Surely we are amused greatly at the masterly efforts which are put forth to evade a square issue in the arena of Dominion Politics. Since the decision of the Supreme Court has for the present removed the question of Prohibition out of the arena of Provincial politics, we would urge upon every lover of Temperance the importance of carefully studying the platform and character of every candidate seeking support at our hands during the coming Dominion elections, and support only those who are prepared to labor earnestly for the total prohibition of the liquor traffic. It is a matter of profound gratitude that the Patrons of Industry have in Manitoba pledged themselves to the principle of Prohibition. It is my prayer that God may use them to give our beloved Canada emancipation from the fetters of the liquor power.

Royal Templars should ever be in the advance guard of every temperance movement. The withdrawal of one-half of the fines from the informer has made it almost impossible for our members to enter prosecutions, and thus in cases where infractions of the law were known, it seemed impossible to prosecute because of the difficulty of securing evidence.

I beg to recommend that action be taken by this Grand Council to bring before the notice of the Provincial Legislature, if the members of the Council think these suggestions wise, this matter and request

- (a) That the clause relating to the withdrawal of the informer's fee be re-enacted and made payable as hitherto;
- (b) That all places licensed for the sale of intoxicating liquors be closed at 7 p. m. and not opened before 7 a. m., Saturday included;
- (c) That greater activity be shown in the carrying out of the present laws.

During the year your Executive thought it wise to endeavor to conserve the temperance forces in Manitoba and consolidate our work by seeking closer relations with other temperance organizations, particularly the I. O. G. T., and with this end in view they appointed a committee to confer with a committee similarly appointed by the Executive of the I. O. G. T., looking towards organic union with this body for the Province.

We would recommend that as no definite work has been done, this Council, if it deem it wise, endorse the action and appoint a standing committee which shall have power to arrange all details in harmony with our constitution, and report to our next Grand Council.

In closing my report I desire to record my unqualified appreciation of the assistance so freely given by all members of the Executive who have been at liberty to meet with us. The most cordial relations have been sustained throughout the year and the greatest harmony has prevailed.

While all officers have done well, I desire particularly to mention the efficient, painstaking and laborious work of our Grand Secretary, to whom, more than to any other member of our Executive, whatever success the past year may record, is due.

Our Finances could not be placed in the hands of one who would more carefully look after their interest than our present Treasurer.

In closing I may be permitted to express the hope that there will be greater energy displayed during the coming than the past year. With an increase in available resources we hope that the employment of a permanent organizer will result in a greatly increased membership and also in a very much wider range of usefulness. Permit me again to record my hearty appreciation of the excellent help afforded by all the Grand Officers and others with whom my duties have brought me in contact, and to assure my successor that cordial assistance will be ever given to the Grand chair.

Yours to serve in

Hope, Love and Truth,

J. M. HARRISON.

Winnipeg, February 19th, 1895.

The Report was referred to the Committee on Distribution.

Grand Secretary's Report.

The Grand Secretary, Bro. F. J. Allan, presented his report for the past year, of which the following is a brief summary:

PREFACE.

The hard times; having no paid organizer; the high per capita tax; and the effort to free our Grand Council from debt affected our Order numerically and consequently financially.

MEMBERSHIP.

On the the 31st January, 1895, 21 Councils had reported, having 839 members; 21 Council were suspended, having 813 members. Tôtal 42 Councils and 1652 members. Three Councils were organized since 31st January, having 95 members, making at this time 45 Councils and 1747 members. This is a decrease of 3 Councils and 283 members since last report.

COUNCILS ORGANIZED.

Clanwilliamby	Rev. A	lfred	Andrev	vs.
Silver Plains				
Swan Lake		66	46	
Center		66	. 64	
Winnipeg				
Miami*	by J	. W.	Vaugha	in.
Nelson*	666	66	"	
Roseislet	66 66	66		

COUNCILS RESUSCITATED.

Workers	 by	Rev. W.	A. Vrooman.
Verity	 	J	W. Morley.

^{*} Organized previous to 31st January, 1895, but reports not received.

COUNCILS DORMANT.

Ancrum, Holland, Cypress River, Vigilance, Beaver Creek, Newdale, Bayfield, Brandon, Verity and Workers. The two last were resuscitated.

RECEIPTS.

Cash received	\$922	25
Postage Stamps	31	67
Total	\$953	92
Paid Grand Treasurer	\$931	65
Used Stamps in Postage	27	94
Total	\$959	59
Overpaid Grand Treasurer	\$ 5	67

ORGANIZERS.

Cannot see my way clear to recommend having paid organizers during the coming year.

SELECT DEGREE.

Bro. Rev. W. A. Vrooman instituted the Select Degree in Workers' Council, No. 46, Boissevain. To show you the element of permanency the Select Degree gives to our Councils I cannot do better than quote you from the report of the Committee on "State and Statistics" presented at the last session of the Dominion Council. The report deals exclusively with the Grand Council of Ontario and is as follows:—

[†] Organized since 31st January, 1895.

[&]quot;Of the Councils established since the institution of the Dominion Coun-

cil from No. 172 to 530, 146 have had Select Degrees established; of which 132 are active to-day, i. e., over 90 per cent.; of 281 Councils organized under independent jurisdiction, and in which no Select Degree was instituted, 100 are now active, i. e., 39 per cent."

LIABILITIES.

Dominion Council, balance\$165	78
Alfred Jackson 3	32
Grand Secretary 69	58
Total\$238	68
ASSETS.	
Stock and Supplies on hand \$150	00
Cash in Banks 126	
Other Assets 36	95
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Total\$313	49
Assets over Liabilities \$ 74	81

I would recommend you to memorialize the Dominion Council to change the Constitution so that a representative may be elected for the Fraction of fifty after the first fifty, instead of the majority fraction of fifty.

I would recommend you to memorialize the Dominion Council to include in every set of stock 100 petition cards, two gavels and one ballot box.

AMALGAMATION.

With a view of bringing into closer relations the Royal Templars of Temperance and the Independent Order of Good Templars, I would ask you to memorialize the Dominion Council to make provision in our Constitution for the admission of members of the I. O. G. T. who from time to time present certificates of good standing in their lodges, to the advantages of our Select Degree.

Yours in Hope, Love and Truth,

F. J. ALLAN, Grand Secretary.

Winnipeg, Feb. 19th 1895.

Report was referred to the Committee on Distribution.



Grand Treasurer's Report.

The Grand Treasurer, Bro. J. A. Davis, read his report, which is here summarized.

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

We have lost some members and a few Councils. I congratulate the Grand Council on the loyalty of its membership. The estimate of last year was not realized, nevertheless, I recommend a small reduction in the per capita tax, so that faith may be kept with our membership.

RECEIPTS.

Received from the Grand Secretary	\$ 931	65
Balance from last year		60
Net Proceeds of \$200 note discounted		00
Total	\$1221	25
DISBURSEMENTS.		
Paid by Orders	\$1122	12
Balance in Bank	99	16
Total.,	\$1221	28

Winnipeg, Feb. 11th, 1895.

Since the above date I have received from the Grand Secretary \$76.65; Paid orders drawn Feb. 18th, 1895, \$76.38, leaving a further balance of 27 cents, and a total balance of \$99.43.

Yours in Hope, Love and Truth,

(Signed)

JAS. A. DAVIS.

February 18th, 1895.

Grand Treasurer.

The above report was adopted.



Bro. Geo. H. Healey, of Virden, was appointed Sessional Clerk.

Dominion Representative's Report.

Following is a brief summary of Bro. F. J. Allan's report as representative to the Dominion Council in March, 1894:—

OLD PER CAPITA DEBT.

At last Grand Council we owed \$297.51 to the Dominion Council on per capita tax previous to 1892. I made an offer of \$150 to be paid on or before August 10, 1894, in full payment of the debt, which offer was accepted and payment duly made.

TEMPLAR MAILING LISTS.

Secretaries of Councils will please bear in mind that mailing lists must be in the printer's hands not later than the following dates, viz., 1st March, 1st June, 1st September and 1st December, otherwise no corrections can be made till the next quarter.

WEEKLY TEMPLAR.

Every member is urged to subscribe for the "Weekly Templar," which can be obtained for the small sum of 25 cents per annum by members of the Order.

A few changes were made in the Constitution which affect Councils as follows:—

- (1) Ten beneficiary members instead of seven, are required before the Select Degree can be instituted in a Council.
- (2) The basis of representation in Grand Council was changed. While every Council having tifty members, or less, is entitled to send one representative to Grand Council, it requires a majority fraction of fifty to entitle a Council to a second representative.
- (3) A member desiring to unite with another Council by Transfer Card must be dealt with in the same manner as a new member.
- (4) A member desiring a beneficiary certificate in a Council where there is no Select Degree can now obtain one.
 - (5) Dominion Council is to meet every two years.
- (6) Total Disability was changed so as to make it an endowment upon reaching the age of seventy. Three assessments are to be levied annually, in March, July and October.

Memorials from Emerald Council No. 43, Winnipeg, and Plum Creek Council No. 48, Souris, requesting the Constitution be changed so as to permit a member in the Royal Degree to occupy the Select Councillor's Chair in a Council where the Select Degree is established, were presented to the Dominion Council, but were not entertained.

REPRESENTATIVE'S ACCOUNT.

	Grand Council Cr by Cheque	\$	\$10	05 00	
	To Travelling Expenses	71	60		
	To Ten Days Sessional Allowance	20	00		
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	Balance Due Grand Council		\$]	13 40	
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The report was referred to the Committee on Distribution.

On motion it was resolved to appoint a Committee on Select Degree work.

Grand Council adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Tuesday. 19th February.

Grand Council resumed business at 2 p. m. Rev. W. A. Vrooman, of Boissevain, conducted devotional exercises.

The Grand Councillor appointed Bro. Jas. Emmond, Geo. H. Healey, R. Kee and Rev. J. W. Runions the Committee on Select Degree work.

The Credential Committee amended its report by substituting Bro. J. H. Kennedy's name for that of Bro. R. Kee.

MEMORIALS AND LETTERS.

Memorials were presented as follows:-

- 1. From the Grand Council Executive, asking that District Auditors having the power of inspectors may be appointed, and that the Dominion Council be memorialized to provide for their appointment in the Constitution.
- 2. Letter from Rev. C. W. Watch, Dominion Superintendent of White Cross Work, asking for a report of the White Cross Committee and the name of the Superintendent appointed,
- 3. Memorial from Prairie Council, No. 73, requesting that change of location from Letellier to Aux Marias be ratified.
- 4. Resolution passed by Vaughan Council, No, 56, that the Grand Council of Manitoba be requested to take early action in the direction of securing the amalgamation of the R. T. of T. and the I. O. G. T.

- 5. Memorials from Aurora No. 1, Fort Rouge No. 54, and Gladstone No. 61, were presented against too hasty action by the Dominion Council (1st) in changing existing laws; (2nd) In making new terms for contracts; (3rd) in levying special assessments; (4) and that the special assessment of \$1.00 be not levied for 1895.
- 6. Letter from Bro. D. McMurphy, of Rat Portage, as to the advisability of trying to bring the Scandinavians under our Grand Council jurisdiction. They desire to have rituals, etc., printed in their own language.
 - 7. Resolution passed by Plum Creek, No. 48, as follows:
- "Resolved that the Grand Council bring such pressure to bear upon the Provincial Government as shall secure from them the following amendments to the Law: 1st, That the traffic in intoxicating liquors be separated from all other business, including houses of accommodation; 2nd, That all blinds and screens be removed from apartments where liquors are sold: (3rd) That all applicants for licenses be required to make application as for a new license.

The several memorials and letters were referred to the Committee on Distribution.

For the purpose of securing the co-operation of leading business men, Rev. W. A. Vrooman, of Boissevain, presented the following resolution:

"Resolved—That this Grand Council memorialize the Dominion Council to make provision for a class of associate members, to be composed of such temperance people as shall subscribe to a satisfactory pledge and pay a certain quarterly fee, such class of members to be summoned to attend a quarterly meeting to discuss with other members questions relating to the general temperance work of the community,"

The resolution was referred to the Committee on State and Extension.

The Committee on Distribution presented its first report, and assigned the several memorials, etc., and parts of same to the proper committees.

Grand Auditor's Report.

Grand Auditor, Bro. D. McLellan, presented his report, of which the following is a summary:—

As Grand Auditor, I have pleasure in submitting the following report for your consideration: I have completed the audit of the books of the Grand Secretary, also checked over the Quarterly Returns and the amounts of cash received quarterly from each Council, his receipts for the amounts paid to the Grand Treasurer, also his own private account, and the account of this Grand Council with the Dominion Council, and I take pleasure in

certifying their correctness in every particular. The following is a correct abstract from the Grand Secretary's Cash account:—

	CR.		Dr.		
Cash on hand from last year	\$		\$ 22	18	
Cash collected during the year			931	74	
Cash paid to Grand Treasurer	931	65			
Used for Postage during the year		94			
Balance to credit of Grand Secretary			5	67	
				-	
	\$959	59	\$959	59	

I have also made an examination of the books of your Grand Treasurer and find them to correspond with those of your Grand Secretary, all monies received were duly deposited in the Bank and vouchers were presented for all payments made from the funds. The following is a statement of receipts and expenditure shown by your Treasurer's books:

Balance in Bank from last year	\$		\$ 93	60
Proceeds of Note			196	00
Cash received from Grand Secretary			931	65
Paid Orders on Treasurer	1122	12		
Balance in Bank		13		
	\$1221		\$1221	25
Balance in Commercial Bank.	\$27	31		

Heretofore it has been the custom to close the books for the year just prior to the meeting of the Grand Council, thus giving the officers very little time to balance their accounts and complete their reports.

I would recommend that in future the books close on the 31st of January of each year, and that supplementary statements be made to cover the business transacted from that time to the meeting of the Grand Council.

In conclusion I have much pleasure in testifying to the correctness of the books as kept by your Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

Respectfully Submitted in Hope, Love and Truth,

(Signed)

D. McLELLAN,

Grand Auditor,

The Report was received and referred to the Committee on Distribution.

On motion. Bro. Blackwell was allowed to represent Shamrock Council and Bro. T. M. Talbot, of Miami, added to the list of representatives.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

We, your Finance Committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

- Sec. 1—We have carefully examined the Books and Vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer and have pleasure in stating that they have been carefully and correctly kept.
- SEC. 2.—We have maintained a watchful supervision over the Finances of the Grand Council during the past year and are pleased to be able to state that the old debt due to the Dominion Council has at last been paid.
- SEC. 3.—We have noticed with pleasure the loyalty exhibited by the Councils in this jurisdiction since the per capita tax was raised to 17 cents per member per quarter.
- SEC. 4.—In view of the facts as stated in section 2 and also of the extreme financial depression prevailing throughout the country we would recommend that the per capita tax be reduced to 15 cents per member per quarter.
- SEC. 5—We submit the following as the estimated receipts and expenditure for the coming year, viz.,

ASSETS.

1500 members at 15 cents per quarter	\$900	00
Cash in Bank		13
Cash paid since audit		00
Total Assets	\$1075	13
EXPENDITURE.		
Per Capita tax to Dominion Council	\$ 360	00
Grand Secretary's Salary	150	00
Grand Secretary's office supplies	50	00
Grand Councillor's travelling expenses	50	00
Expenses Grand Council session	100	00
Dominion Council, Stock	215	78
Other Contingencies	122	
Total Expenditure	\$1048	68
Apparent Surplus	26	45
EC. 6—Our Total Assets are	\$368	66
Our Total Liabilities		
Balance of Assets	\$129	98

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Of our Liabilities, \$165.78 are due the Dominion Council on account stock

(Signed)

JAS. E. ELLIS,
JAS. EMMOND,
A. C. McKINNON.

D. McLELLAN, Grand Auditor.

Winnipeg, February 19th. 1895.

Report of Finance Committee was considered clause by clause and after long discussion on Clause 4, was adopted unanimously.

On motion of Bro. Rev. A. Andrews, seconded by Bro. J. A. Davis, it was

RESOLVED.—To appoint a Committee on By-laws.

Grand Councillor named the following as the Committee and the Grand Council approved of same, viz., Rev. A. Andrews, J. E. Ellis and J. W Kennedy.

Bro. D. Ferguson's name was substituted for Bro. Jas. Weidman's or the State and Extension Committee.

Bro. J. H. Kenuedy's name was added to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

Bro. J. W. Morley, special Organizer, presented his report as follows: To the Grand Council, Officers and Members.

BRETHREN.—In the early part of January we had the honor of being appointed a Provincial Organizer, and were asked to visit Oak Lake and Virden. We visited Oak Lake and were enabled to organize a Council with seventeen members, good material, which is shown by the rapid way in which they are increasing their membership.

We visited Virden and found the Royal Degree in first class condition but the Select Degree was dead. We at once set to work to revive it, which was accomplished after a very able lecture by the Grand Councillor.

We next visited Portage la Prairie. Here we found the Select Degree in good shape but the Royal Degree was not meeting at all. We got some twelve members together, and they decided to make another effort to meet regularly. We succeeded in securing nine of the best citizens to unite with the Council.

While we realize that we have not been able to do all we desire, yet with God's help we have done some effectual work, and we trust that who ever is privileged to continue the work may receive a large measure of success.

All of which is respectfully submitted in Hope, Love and Truth,

(Signed) J. W. MORLEY.

Winnipeg, Feb. 19th, 1895.

Report was referred to the Committee on State and Extension.

The following letter was received from T. J. White, Esq., Grand Secretary of the I. O. G. T.:—

F. J. ALLAN Esq., Grand Secretary R. T. of T.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—Permit me to hope that your session may result in good to your Order and our cause.

I am just in receipt of a letter from our Grand Chief Templar, Rev. O. Darwin, enclosing replies from members of our Executive re appointment of committee on union of the two Orders, the I. O. G. T. and R. T. of T. All are favorable to union if it can be effected on a satisfactory basis. I am instructed to state this officially. Bro. Darwin wishes me to say that he will be in the city on Thursday, and if a meeting can be arranged for that date at 8 o'clock, it will be desirable, as he cannot get in here early. Meeting can be held in my office.

Yours respectfully

(signed)

T. J. WHITE.

P. S.—Let me have a reply early, as I am writing him to morrow by private party.

On Motion it was

RESOLVED—To appoint a committee of five to meet the committee from the I. O. G. T. on Thursday night.

Moved by Bro. Rev. W. A. Vrooman, and seconded by Bro. D. Ferguson, and

RESOLVED—That in view of the action of the Patrons of Industry with regard to Prohibition, that the Committee on Temperance Work be requested to frame a suitable, fraternal resolution to show our sympathy with this Order.

Bro. McNamara was added to the Committee on By-laws.

Bro Rev. T. M. Talbot was added to the Commmittee on State and Extention.

Bro. Blackwell was added to the Committee on Memorials.

Brother Vaughan was added to the Committee on Temperance-Work.

Bro. Dr. McArthur was added to the Committee on Legislation.

Grand Council adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock in Fort Rouge Council's Hall, 320, Main Street.

EVENING SESSION, FEB. 19, 1895.

Grand Council reopened for business at 8. 20 p. m. in Fort Rouge Council's Hall, Bro. Rev. A. Andrews, Grand Past Councillor, in the chair. Minutes of previous session were read, corrected and adopted.

It was moved by Bro. A. C. McKinnon, seconded by Bro. T. Bowes and Resolved—That Grand Council Degree be conferred at the close of the morning Session.

For the purpose of allowing the several Committees to meet, Grand Council adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock next morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEB. 20th, 1895.

Grand Council reopened at 9:10 a.m. After devotional exercises business was resumed.

Bro. Morley moved, seconded by Bro. Bowes, and

RESOLVED—That a session be held in the evening to exemplify the working of the Royal Degree, and that this be first order of business.

The Credential Committee presented reports No. 2 and No. 3, which were adopted.

On motion, Bro. Rev. Omand was accepted as a corresponding delegate from Keewatin Council.

The Committee on Distribution presented its second report, which was adopted.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE WORK.

The Committee on Temperance Work presented its first report, and a motion passed to consider it clause by clause. A long discussion ensued on clause No. 1 re political action and the Patrons of Industry; and the whole question was referred back to the Committee.

MEMORIALS.

A memorial was received from Bro. J. K. McLennan, of Treherne, requesting the Grand Council to urge the local Government to amend the liquor license law.

The memorial was referred to the Legislative Committee.

A letter was received from Bro. W. W. Buchanan re Select Degree Work, and confuting statements contained in a communication received from John S. Lucas, of Toronto. The letter was referred to the Select Degree Committee.

Bro. A. McDiarmid, M. D., then conferred the Grand Council Degree on those entitled to receive it.

Grand Council adjourned at 12:20 a. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION, WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20.

Grand Council resumed business at 2:15 p. m. Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. Rev. Omand, of Keewatin.

Minutes of previous session read, corrected and adopted.

Credential Committee presented report No. 4, which was adopted.

TEMPERANCE WORK.

The Committee on Temperance Work brought in their report as amended, which was further amended.

The amended report was as follows:-

We, your Committee on Temperance Work, met to reconsider the first clause of the report and amendments proposed. We beg to submit the following as your committee's report:—

(1) Your Committee has learned with satisfaction the course pursued by the Patrons of Industry with regard to Prohibition, and would recommend the Grand Council to assure the Patrons of our co-operation in their endeavor to secure the suppression of the liquor traffic in the the Dominion, being the first and only political party placing prohibition as a distinct plank in their platform.

But in case, however, when their candidates are not prohibitionists from principle and total abstainers by practice we cannot pledge our unqualified support to them, but would pledge our support by influence and vote to Patron candidates who are well known and tried prohibitionists.

(2) The action of the Souris Council in securing local option prevented the granting of licenses for four months in that town, and is deserving of commendation. But it is greatly to be deplored that any professed temperance man should refuse to stand by prohibition principles, and thus allow the licenses to be renewed, thereby frustrating all the efforts of the Council which had been put forth.

All of which is respectfully submitted in Hope, Love and Truth,

(Signed)

... A. Andrews.

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Clause No. 1 as amended was adopted. After Bro. Rev. G. H. Long made some explanations re clause No. 2 it was referred back to the Committee.

The following telegram was received from the Grand Council of the North West Territories:—

"Grand Council of Northwest Territories in session assembled reciprocates most cordially your greetings."

(Signed)

F. J. REYNOLDS.

Moose Jaw, N. W. T., Feb. 20, 1895.

Bro. J. W. Kennedy gave notice of motion that he would to-night move for a reconsideration of the clause in the Finance Committee's report on the per capita tax with the object of having it fixed at 14 cent per member per quarter.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Memorials presented their report as follows:-

- "We, your Committee on Memorials, beg leave to submit the following report for your consideration:—
- (1) Re memorials from Fort Rouge, Aurora and Gladstone Councils, we recommend that the memorials be forwarded to the Dominion Council.
- (2) We recommend that the memorial from Emerald Council be not entertained, as said Council has ceased to exist
- (3) Re the memorial from the Executive Committee, we recommend that a District Deputy be given power under the Constitution to inspect and audit the books of any Council when in his opinion, or in the opinion of the Grand Council or Executive Committee of the Grand Council, such action is in the interests of the Order.

(Signed) J. W. Runions, Chairman. G. H. Blackwell, Secy.

The above report was considered clause by clause and adopted as a whole.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

FIRST REPORT.—The Legislative Committee presented their first report as follows re memorial from Plum Creek Council:—

- (1) That the traffic in intoxicating liquors be required by law to be separated from all other business, including boarding houses and houses of accommodation for travellers.
- (2) That all blinds and screens or other devices to obstruct the view through the windows be removed from apartments where liquors are licensed to be sold.
- (3) That licensees having been engaged in the sale of liquor, be required to make application for renewal in the same manner as a new applicant for a license.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows: That said memorial be adopted and acted upon by the Grand Council.

(Signed)

J. A. McArthur, M. D.,

JAS, EMMOND,

G. H. LONG,

A. ANDREWS.

The report was considered clause by clause, and clauses 1 and 3 adopted, Clause No. 2 was referred back to Committee to embody suggestions made.

STATE AND EXTENSION.

Following is a report of the Committee on State and Extension :-

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:-

(1) Whereas good literature is one of the best ways of extending interest in temperance work, both in building up existing Councils and organization of new Councils, we recommend that special efforts be made to extend the circulation of the "Weekly Templar."

We also recommend that the "Lance," published at the Templar office for Workers' Council at Boissevain, be used more freely by members of our Councils in spreading information and rousing public sentiment with regard to temperance reform.

- (2) Your Committee recommend the Executive to take steps to engage some faithful workers to spend a portion of their time in visiting existing Councils and unorganized territority, length of engagement and finances to be left to the Executive.
- (3) We recommend that the Province be divided into districts following the lines of railways, district deputies be appointed by the Executive to visit existing Councils and organize new work, and that the executive make provision for the travelling expenses of said deputies.
- (4) Whereas a special committee has been appointed in union with the I. O. G. T. and other temperance societies, the resolution from Vaughan Council No. 53 has already been acted upon.
 - (5) The Committee recommends the passing of the following resolution:
- "Resolved that this Grand Council memorialize the Dominion Council to make provision for a class of associate members, to be composed of such temperance people as shall subscribe to a satisfactory pledge and pay a certain quarterly fee, such class of members to be summoned to attend a quarterly meeting to discuss with other members questions relating to the general temperance work of the community.

(Signed) W. A. VROOMAN, G. H. LONG.

The above report was considered clause by clause and adopted, and the Committee granted leave to sit again.

The Grand Councillor appointed Rev. A. Andrews, Dr. McArthur, Rev. J. M. Harrison, Jas. Emmond and F. J. Allan a committee to confer with the committee appointed by the I. O. G. T.

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

Your Committee on meeting found to their great satisfaction that they had no appeals and, practically speaking, no grievances before them.

There were handed to them a few recommendations re_changes in Dominion Council Constitution, which, as they appeared in a measure to come under our duties, we considered the same.

- 1. In regard to recommendation No. 1 that a clear deliverance be given the Dominion Council on Sec. 5, Art. VI, with reference to regular and alternate members, from Grand Secretary's report your committee consider that the reading of said clause is at present perfectly clear.
- 22. Recommendation No. 2—that in order that as many representatives as possible may attend Grand Council that the Dominion Council be memorbialized to change Art. IV, Sec. 1, Grand Council Constitution by striking out the words "majority fraction" and inserting the words "or fraction;" your Committee in view of the fact that our Grand Council constituency is so large and our population so limited, feel satisfied that this change would certainly be of benefit to this Grand Council (although it might not be considered so by other Grand Councils) and we would recommend that this memorial be adopted.

The report was adopted as read.

WHITE CROSS WORK.

We, your Committee on White Cross Work, beg leave to submit for your consideration the following recommendations:—

- 1. We concur heartily in the views of the Dominion Superintendent, Rev. C. W. Watch, as expressed in his letter to our Grand Secretary.
- 2. While recognizing the great evil of the liquor traffic, we realize that other causes due to (1) evil associations, (2) ignorance on the part of the victims, (3) carelessness and ignorance on the part of parents in choosing companions for their children, and not warning them of the danger from evil habits, (4) inherited vicious and immoral tendencies, combine to lead astray, debauch and destroy many of our young people and children.
 - 3. We wish to warn our members against these evils, and recommend that as far as possible each Council of our Order should become a centre from which should issue information and warning regarding these evils, by means of (1) distribution of literature, some competent person in each Council being appointed to this work, (2) by having clergymen preach sermons specially relating to social purity to which special invitation be given to the young people of their congregation, (3) by the circulation of the Social Purity Pledge. Literature on the subject can be obtained from the "Templar" book room.

4. We recommend the appointment of a Grand Superintendent of this work.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

MRS. J. W. VAUGHAN, Ch. G. H. BLACKWELL, Secy.

The report was adopted as read.

Mr. J. W. Vaughan presented his report as special organizer, of which the following is a brief summary:—

"We were commissioned to work for the Grand Council R. T. of T. Nov. 9th, 1894. We left home November 20th for Silver Plains. During our meetings there God worked upon the hearts of the people and good was accomplished. We organized a Council with 34 charter members, and obtained 63 pledge signers.

On the 30th we went to Swan Lake. Here we held our first meeting in the sitting room of our boarding house, and next evening in the section house. We secured 75 pledge signers and organized a Council with 36 charter members.

December 13th we went to Beaconsfield and organized a Council with 25 members, and obtained 65 pledges signed.

December 17th we went to Rosebank, where we obtained 72 pledges signed and secured 17 names for a Council.

December 29th we went to Roland to visit the lodge of Good Templars and had a fine time. We got 105 to sign the pledge there.

Jan. 4th, 1895, we went to Miami. Although other attractions were in the town, we organized a Council with 43 members, and obtained 94 pledges signed. We expect to institute the Select Degree in this Council soon.

Jan. 17th we went to Nelson, where we organized a Council with 25 members, and obtained 76 pledges signed

February 3 we went to Roseisle, fourteen miles from Miami, secured 60 pledges signed and organized a Council with 28 members.

The intense cold and bad storms made this trip a hard one. Collections were light.

Thanking the Grand Council for patience and forbearance now and in the times past, we submit this report in Hope, Love and Truth.

		(Signed) Mr. AND Mr.	RS. J.	W.	VAUG	HAN.
P.	S.	Paid expenses on Stock to Roland	1 1	55 00 00		
	Paid Railroad and other expe	Paid Railroad and other expenses		24	_	

This report was referred to the Committee on State and Extension.

A motion was passed recommending Bro. and Sister Vaughan, and instructing the Executive to grant them at least \$20, and more if possible, as a special donation.

Grand Council adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock p. m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20th, 1895.

EVENING SESSION.

Grand Council resumed business at 8:15, Grand Past Councillor Andrews in the chair. Minutes of previous session read and adopted.

A motion was passed to receive communications before exemplifying the initiation ceremony of the Royal Degree.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Letter from Bro. W. W. Buchanan, returning thanks for invitation extended him to attend our Grand Council. Owing to pressure of business he could not be present.

Letter from Bro. John H. Land stating that new Grand Council Rituals were sent on trial, and requesting an expression of opinion on them by the Grand Council.

A circular was received from Bro. J. S. Lucas, of Toronto, setting forth certain resolutions claimed to have been passed at a meeting of Select Councillors and Past Councillors of Toronto District.

- (a) That Art. X, Sec. 14, Dominion Council Constitution should be repealed.
- (b) That the Total Disability Department should be restored as it was before last session of Dominion Council.
- (c) That means be taken to remove the necessity of levying a special assessment.
- (d) That the Beneficiary Fund should be separate and not used for any other purpose than payment of claims.
- (e) That the Book Room on its present basis should be abolished, as it is nearly \$5000 in debt.
- (f) That when our laws are working satisfactorily we should be very slow to make changes, and that no radical changes should be made until the same have been published and approved by our members at large.
- (g) An error was made in mixing up the Total Disability and Endowment Fund schemes.

(h) That all our members should pay similar assessments according to age as graded by the medical referee at time of joining. (This has reference to the early members who were admitted when the assessment was \$1.00, and who still pay that amount, and also to the legislation of last session, by which provision was made for the absorption of the Select Knights.

A communication was received from Bro. W. W. Buchanan refuting the above statements, of which the following is a summary:—

These brethren did not act in the regular way through their Select or District Council. They formed an independent and unauthorized body to work up injury to the Order. There is not one truthful statement in the circular issued over Mr. Lucas' signature.

- 1. The question of exchange of membership between the Dominion Council and Supreme Council is simply a recognition of good fellowship. No exchange can be made unless the person passes a first class medical examination. In the past ten years three have been transferred from the Supreme Council to the Dominion Council and two from the Dominion Council to the Supreme Council.
- 2. The paragraph with respect to the Book Room can be easily answered by reference to the Annual Report of the Dominion Council.
- 3. One paragraph states there are 125 members of the Order who ought to pay graded assessments but who voted themselves into Class A at the time the Dominion Council was organized, but the truth is, there are exactly 63. The fact is, the Order started with a level assessment of 50 cents a \$1000, which is the same as Class A. The Supreme Council changed to graded assessments before the Dominion Council was institued, and those who had already taken out certificates were not interfered with.
- 4. The item referring to the Knights says there were over one hundred; there were less. Instead of their average age being 54½ it was 51½ years. They are paying higher rates for the same protection than other members of the Select Degree—ten to fifteen per cent. higher. The contribution of the Knights to the General Fund is exactly 33½ per cent. more than that of the Select members.
- 5. Another paragraph stated that eighteen hundred members of the Select Degree were suspended in one month for not paying the special assessment. No member was suspended in any month for that.

The circular from Bro. J. S. Lucas and the communication from Bro. W. W. Buchanan were referred to the Select Degree Committee.

The letter from Bro. John H. Land re new rituals was referred to the Committee on By-laws.

Bro. McNamara and Sis. Philip were initiated in exemplification of the work of the Royal Degree.

Bro. A. F. Andrews moved, and seconded by Bro. R. D. Rorrison, and

RESOLVED—That the Executive Committee request some Council to prepare and present a complete exemplification of the Royal Degree work at the next Grand Council.

Credential Committee presented report No. 5, which was adopted.

R. D RORISON'S REPORT.

Following is a summary of Bro. R. D. Rorison's report as a special organizer:—

To the Grand Conncillor of the Manitoba Grand Council.

Dear Brother.—In handing in my report as District Deputy, I regret very much circumstances over which I had no control prevented me from doing all I desired to do, and what appeared could be done for the extension of the Order in this province. Through correspondence and personal visits my experience leads me to conclude that Councils should be visited frequently, at least twice each year, by a specially appointed lecturer, with a view of stimulating them to greater energy. In the absence of such an officer District Deputies should do the work, and their expenses should be paid.

My appointment is of recent date, yet I can report results. A Council was organized in this city (Winnipeg) composed of business and professional men with 27 members in the Royal Degree and 12 in the Select Degree.

I visited Carberry and Brandon on other business and did some good canvassing for our order. Circumstances prevented me from remaining long enough in each place to organize.

Submitted in Hope, Love and Truth,

(Signed)

R. D. Rorison,

Winnipeg, Feb. 20th, 1895.

Organizer.

The above report was referred to the Committee on State and Extension. Time was extended for half an hour.

Bro. J. W. Kennedy moved, seconded by Bro. A. F. Andrews and

RESOLVED—That the question of per capita tax be reconsidered.

Bro. J. W. Kennedy moved, seconded by Bro. A. F. Andrews—That the clause in the Finance Committee's report referring to the per capita tax be amended by substituting 14 cents for 15 cents. Motion lost.

As there was considerable discussion on the above motion time was further extended half an hour.

Grand Council then adjourned to meet next morning at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21st, 1895. MORNING SESSION.

Grand Council re-opened at 9:30 a.m. Devotional exercises were conducted by the Grand Councillor. Minutes of previous session were read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communication was received from the I. O. G. T.:-

F. J. Allan, Esq., Grand Secretary R. T. of T.

DEAR BRO. ALLAN.—You note re the appointment of Committee for this evening.

I wish to point out to you that your first communication re this matter stated that Bro. Harrison and yourself were the committee appointed by your Executive, and in accordance with that, we have asked our Executive to name two of our members to meet you. You can readily understand that we are not in a position to meet a committee of your body to do business with a larger representation than we have ourselves. We shall, however, be pleased to meet the committee named in your note of yesterday to talk over matters in an informal way this evening at 8 o'clock in my office.

(Signed)

T. J. WHITE,

Feb. 21st. 1895.

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Grand Secretary.

Bro. Rev. A. Andrews moved, seconded by Bro. J. W. Kennedy, and

RESOLVED—That the committee appointed to meet the committee from the I. O. G. T. be reduced to two.

Credential Committee presented report No. 6, which was adopted.

FINANCE COMMITTEES REPORT NO. 2.

We, your Finance Committee, beg leave to submit our second report as follows:—

- 1. Regarding the proposed visit of the Emerald Trio referred to in the Grand Səcretary's report, we would recommend that the matter be left in the hands of the Executive, and that no permanent paid organizer be engaged.
- 2. The Grand Secretary recommends this Grand Council to have minutes of this annual session printed in pamphlet form to the number of one hundred copies.

We have received estimates, and owing to the cost cannot recommend the adoption of this clause of the Grand Secretary's report. Respectfully submitted in Hope, Love and Truth,

(Signed)

JAS. E. ELLIS, JAS, EMMOND, A. C. MCKINNON, D. MCLELLAN.

Report was considered. Clause No. 1 was adopted. Clause No. 2 was referred back to the Finance Committee.

FRATERNAL COURTESIES.

The Committee on Fraternal Courtesies reported having sent greetings to the Grand Councils of Ontario and the North West Territories as follows:

"The Manitoba Grand Council Royal Templars of Temperance now in session assembled send cordial greetings."

(Signed)

F. J. ALLAN, Grand Secretary.

Bro. W. H. Hall presented an account of $75\,$ cents for telegrams, and an order was passed on the Treasurer for same.

On motion it was resolved that Bro. Morley carry fraternal greetlngs to the Grand Lodge of Oddfellows meeting in the city at the present time.

The Executive was also instructed to send fraternal greeting to the W. C. T. U. and I. O. G. T. when these bodies are in session.

BY-LAWS.

The Committee on By-laws presented their report, which was considered clause by clause, amended and adopted as a whole.

Note.—See copy of By-laws in Appendix I.

Bro. W. R. Mulock, President of the Manitoba Prohibition League, addressed the Grand Council for a few minutes. He stated he felt greatly encouraged by the action of the Patrons of Industry in placing prohibition as a plank in their platform. He thought prohibition was in sight, and that now was the supreme opportunity.

The report of the Committee on Select Degree work was under discussion when Grand Council adjourned at 12 a, m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Grand Council reopened at 2 p. m. Devotional exercises were conducted by the Grand Councillor.

Minutes of previous session were read, amended and adopted.

The following telegram from the Grand Council of Ontario was read:

Woodstock, Ont., Feb. 20th, 1895.

To F. J. Allan, Secy. Manitoba Grand Council R. T. of T.,

Winnipeg, Man.

Ontario Grand Council reciprocates the good wishes of Manitoba and prays for increasing success and unbounded prosperity for the cause in your province.

J. Parsons Smith also sends kind regards.

(Signed) C. Van Norman Emory, M D.,

Grand Secretary.

W. C. T. U.

Bro. Geo. H. Healey moved the following resolution, seconded by Bro. Jas. Emmond, and

RESOLVED—That this Grand Council recognizes the great work being done by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and other Societies of a like nature for the overturning of the liquor traffic, and, whereas we believe that the granting of the franchise to women would greatly increase their power for good in all our efforts for the uplifting and establishing our common humanity in righteousness, purity and sobriety, therefore be it resolved that this Grand Council support the W. C. T. U. in their efforts to obtain the franchise for women.

Credential Committee presented report No. 7, which was adopted.

SELECT DEGREE.

Following is the report of the Committee on Select Degree Work, which was considered clause by clause and adopted as amended:—

On the meeting of your Committee on Select Degree Work, Bro. Vrooman was elected chairman and Bro. R. Kee Secretary.

Looking over the matter placed in our hands we found we had, 1st, Memorial from Toronto over the signature of J. S. Lucas; 2nd, a lengthy letter from Bro. W. W. Buchanan refuting a number of charges in said memorial; 3rd, in addition to this we had memorials from Aurora, Fort Rouge and Gladstone Councils, and certain sections from the Grand Secretary's report, dealing with the Select Degree,

We found on examination that the memorials from Aurora, Fort Rouge and Gladstone Councils and sections from Grand Secretary's report covered practically the same ground. viz., a desire to have submitted by this Grand Council a memorial to the Dominion Council requesting that especial care be exercised in the future by the Dominion Council before making any change affecting financial calls on Select Degree members, and that this Grand Council memorialize the Dominion Council to so amend the Constitution

that no changes be made in the financial policy, or radical changes be made in the Constitution, without first submitting the same through the Dominion Executive to the several Grand Councils, for an expression of opinion, at least thirty days before the meetings of the respective Grand Councils.

We desire to express our disapproval of the Extension Assessment as levied during the past year, and would recommend that a memorial be forwarded to the Dominion Council, requesting that in future the extension of the Select Degree be forwarded by other means.

In connection with the memorial from Bro. Lucas, your Committee, as well as, we believe, a very large proportion of Royal Templars generally, feel very much grieved that Bro. Lucas and those associated with him in this movement have taken the means adopted of showing their dislike to the legislation of the late Dominion Council.

While, as hinted by his letter, there are members who believe the action of the Dominion Council must be above mistake, your Committee do not hold an opinion of that kind. We do most assuredly think that a representative body of men, chosen we have no doubt by their respective Grand Councils to represent them at the Dominion Council, should be better fitted to legislate for the welfare of our Order than a handful of members of whom practically speaking we do not know anything about.

We were enabled by a reference to the report of Bro. Allan to easily see that Bro. Buchanan's contention is correct that the Select Knights received into our Order are paying a heavier rate than their average age would entitle them to pay according to our classified tables, so that in this instance Bro. Lucas is wrong.

There are one or two suggestions in Bro. Lucas' memorial which your Committee would be in accord with, but coupled as they are with so much which we consider not only unreasonable but in some cases untrue, we would recommend that this Grand Council follow, in regard to the disposal of same, one of the plans suggested in said memorial, viz., consign it to our waste paper basket.

In conclusion your Committee would recommend that a genuine and loyal support be given to the Dominion Council, and that we endeavor to render a cheerful obedience to its requirements, and if in any case after careful consideration of any laws enacted, we think the same ought to be amended, that we proceed in a proper manner and do nothing hasty.

All of which is respectfully submitted in Hope, Love and Truth,

(Signed)

W. A. VROOMAN, Chairman. R. KEE, Secretary.

Feb 21st, 1895.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, 2ND REPORT.

The Legislative Committee presented their second report which was considered clause by clause amended and adopted as follows:—

- 1. Re clause 1 of Bro. J. K. McLennan's memorial asking that this Grand Council pass a resolution that licenses in the Province be reduced fifty per cent. and license fees be increased one hundred per cent. your committee cannot recommend its adoption as there does not appear to be any present need for the changes.
- 2. Re clause No. 2, "that licenses be refused to all persons engaged in any other trade or calling excepting keepers of inns, or restaurants, or wholesale liquor stores;" clause already dealt with by another committee and action taken by this Grand Council
- 3. Re clause No. 3, "that all licenses shall expire yearly on May 31st, and applicants compelled to procure a recommendation each and every year;" clause dealt with in a former memorial and adopted.
- 4. Re clause No. 4, "that all applications for licenses shall be received or considered once yearly and only between the dates of April 15th and May 1st." we recommend that all applications for licenses be received and considered at one stated time in each year.
- 5. Re clause No. 5, "that if five of the nearest twenty householders to a building for which a license is requested sign a protest against the same, no license shall issue," this clause is already covered by previous action.
- 6. Re clause No. 6, "That the hours for sale of liquors in all licensed houses be from 7 o'clock to 19 o'clock on week days and closed entirely on Sundays," we recommend its adoption.
- 7. Re clause No. 7, "That informers furnishing license inpectors with information resulting in the conviction of parties violating the License Act shall receive one-half of the fine," we recommend no change. Recommendation lost and original clause adopted.
- 8. Re clause No. 8, "that the law respecting parties frequenting places where liquor is after hours be so changed as to exempt from fine informants and witnesses," we recommend its adoption.
- 9. Re clause No. 9, "that the sale, gift or barter of intoxicants shall be illegal in unlicensed places or buildings, excepting to a member of a person's own family, and the penalty for giving shall be the same as for selling; we recommend its adoption.
- 10. Re clause No. 10, "that druggist be permitted to handle liquors in quantities only of not more than six ounces and shall not be allowed to sell-to any person unless a certificate be furnished in each and every transaction

by the purchaser from a licensed physician, stating that the liquor is required for medicinal purposes," we recommend that this clause be adopted.

- 11. Re clause No. 11, "That local option measures shall become law if carried by a majority vote and that the provisions relating to local option By-laws be amended so that a By-law may be submitted to the electors of a municipality with some reasonable degree of probability that the same will not be quashed if it should be assailed by those opposed to the measure," we recommend that whereas the recent decision of the Supreme Court decides that the passing of prohibitory measures is of Dominion jurisdiction, that it would not be of any benefit at the present time to ask this amendment in the Local Option Act.
- 12. Re clause 2, in first report, your Committee think that anything cannot be gained by changing, as it appears to us that the clause covers all suggestions.

(Signed)

J. A. McArthur, M. D., Chairman. Jas. Emmond. Secretary.

Bro. W. A. Vrooman moved, seconded by Bro. T. M. Talbot, and

RESOLVED—That the Executive of this Grand Council be instructed to arrange for an influential deputation of Prohibitionists to wait upon the members of the Government within the next ten days and present all recommendations regarding legislative action passed by this Grand Council.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODDFELLOWS.

The committee on Fraternal Courtesies presented the following letter of greeting, which was adopted :

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of I. O. O. F., now in session in this city.

Gentlemen—Under instructions of the Grand Council of R. T. of T., now in session, we are authorized to send cordial greetings to your honourable body, and to assure you that although our sphere of operations may be considered generally as confined to total abstinence and prohibition of the liquor traffic, the principles of our Order really compel us to consider the highest physical, moral and religious conditions of the race as an object of our earnest endeavor. We cannot therefore be insensible to the fact that while our motto is "Hope, Love and Truth," a great brotherhood, whose motto is "Friendship, Love and Truth," certainly stands in very close relationship to ourselves as to our several purposes. And although different in our modes of action, we recognize you as fellow-workers with us in bettering the conditions of society, and in the name of our Great Heavenly Father extend to you the hand of friendship and bid you Godspeed.

(Signed)

A. Andrews.

W. D. ATWELL. W. H. HALL.

February 21st, 1895.

A copy of the above report was duly signed by the Grand Councillor and Grand Secretary, and forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Oddfellows.

STATE AND EXTENSION.

The Committee on State and Extension presented a supplementary report, which was considered clause by clause and adopted as follows:—

Whereas the Scandinavian Society desire to come into our Order if we allow them to use their own language in their own Councils, your Committee recommend that their request be granted, it being understood that they translate the ritual.

We deem it necessary to repeat what has been reported by District Deputies and Grand Officers, but express confidence in their efforts, and recommend extension of Select Degree. We also recommend that where Deputies have left work partly organized, the Executive be requested to make provision for the completion of the work.

We regret the suspension of so many Councils during the past year, but are encouraged by our financial success, and trust that every member will put forth an effort to make our next year more successful than even the most prosperous year of the past.

(Signed)

W. A. VROOMAN,

The report of the Committeee on State and Extension was adopted as a whole.

FINANCE COMMITTEE, 3rd REPORT.

We have received estimates for the printing of the proceedings of this Grand Council considerably lower than those previously received, and would recommend that the whole matter be left in the hands of the Executive.

On motion the above report was adopted.

Moved by Bro. McLellan, seconded by Bro. Rorison, and

RESOLVED—That the report of the Finance Committee as a whole be adopted.

The change of location of Prairie Council No. 73 from Letellier to Aux Marais was ratified.

Moved by Bro. McKinnon, seconded by Bro. McNamara, and

RESOLVED.—That the Executive prepare a scheme for a Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund, to be presented at the next annual session of the Grand Council.

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT.

Grand Councilor, Brothers and Sisters, I beg leave to report as follows:

On Saturday, Feb. 2nd, I left Treherne intending to reach Cypress River and endeavor to revive the Council there. On account of heavy roads I stopped over at Holland, but could not re-organize at that place. bath, Feb. 3rd, I lectured on Temperance in the Methodist church at Cypress River to a good audience. I fully believe a visit from a special worker would put the Council at Cypress River in working order. There are several who desire the Select Degree, and there is a set of Select Degree stock, left by Bro. Jackson. Feb. 4th I drove to Swan Lake and visited the Council recently instituted by Bro. and Sister Vaughan, I found the Council booming, and an enthusiastic temperance sentiment prevailing, I had the pleasure of attending an open meeting of Centre Council, at Beaconsfield The schoolhouse was filled and an interesting programme rendered along the line of temperance principles and work. I visited Rathwell on Sabbath, Feb. 10th, and held a gospel temperance meeting. I had previously announced a temperance meeting on Monday night, but the trustees locked us out of the schoolhouse, and the little hall was occupied. The action of the trustees has aroused the interest, and there is now a prospect of a Council at that place. I also visited Carman, but through a miscarriage in the mail Rev. Bro. Hoskin only got my announcement by the same train on which I arrived there myself. Bro. Hoskin and myself attended the Presbyterian prayer meeting, and received a hearty welcome from Rev. Mr. Sutherland, pastor, and by invitation I addressed the meeting briefly on the duty of Christians respecting the liquor traffic. On the following evening a gospel meeting was held in the Methodist church. I was given sufficient encouragement to lead me to believe that a Council could be organized in Carman.

Signed)

JAMES EMMOND, District Deputy.

On motion it was resolved that Bro. Emmond's report should be placed on file.

Bro. J. B. Graham brought to the notice of the Grand Council the manner in which liquor was brought into Melita under fictitious orders.

On motion it was resolved that Bro. Graham should formulate a charge and place it in the hands of the Dominion Alliance.

On motion it was resolved to have reports from the representatives of the several Councils at the evening session.

On motions, duly moved, it was resolved that a vote of thanks be given to the railways; to the Press of the city; to the Billeting Committee; and to the brothers and sisters who so kindly entertained representatives to the Grand Council.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was now proceeded with by ballot, and the following declared duly elected, viz.,

REV. J. W. Runions, Dugald,	Grand Councillor.
REV. J. M. HARRISON, Winnipeg,	Grand Past Councillor.
MRS. W. D. ATWELL, Norman	Grand Vice-Councillor.
REV. W. A. VROOMAN, Boissevain,	Grand Chaplain.
F. J. Allan, Winnipeg	Grand Secretary.
J. A. Davis' Winnipeg,	Grand Treasurer.
D. McLellan, Winnipeg,	Grand Auditor.
A. F. Andrews, Stockton,	Grand Herald.
W. H. HALL, Virden,	.Grand Deputy Herald.
W. D. ATWELL, Norman,	Grand Guard,
T. BLACKWELL, Rapid City,	Grand Sentinel.

TRUSTEES.

J. E. Ellis, Winnipeg,	One year.
JAS. EMMOND, Treherne,	wo years.
A. C. McKinnon, Winnipeg,Th	ree years.

REPRESENTATIVES TO DOMINION COUNCIL.

REV. ALFRED ANDREW	s, Minnedosa	Regular.
REV. J. M. HARRISON,	Winnipeg	Alternate.

On motion it was resolved that time be extended indefinitely.

The following letter from the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. was read and received:—

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Council R. T. of T now in session in this City.

We are instructed by the Grand Lodge of I, O. O. F. now in session in this city to acknowledge the cordial greetings of your honorable body and to reciprocate the kind wishes contained therein.

It strengthens the hand, it inspires the hearts of those who are working on like foundations and with a common end in view to receive such encouragement from you. We hope your efforts for the benefit of humanity may meet with meed of success. Wishing you all prosperity to your great Order,

(Signed)

JOHN GRISDALE, H. G. ALTON, R. H. SHANKS.

Winnipeg, Feb. 21st. 1895.

On motion, Bro. Rev. J. W. Runions and Bro. A. C. McKinnon were appointed representatives to the Manitoba Prohibition League.

On motion Bro. Rev. J. M. Harrison and Bro. A. McDiarmid, M. D., were appointed representatives to the Dominion Alliance.

Moved by Bro. Rev. A. Andrews, seconded by Bro. J. W. Kennedy and

RESOLVED.—That in the judgment of this Grand Council it is exceedingly detrimental to the cause of temperance and prohibition that there should be so many distinct organizations having essentially the same object in view, and especially do we feel the importance of a union—between the Prohibition League and the Manitoba branch of the Dominion—Alliance—as one organization, and that as speedily as possible.

A meeting of the Executive was called for at the close of the evening session.

It was resolved that the installation of officers should take place at 9:30 p. m., and that the reports from the representatives of the several councils be received in open session in the evening.

Bro. D. McLellan on behalf of Progress Council extended an invitation to the Grand Council to hold its next annual session in Winnipeg, and on motion it was resolved that the invitation be accepted.

Minutes of the afternoon session were read, corrected and approved.

Grand Council adjourned to meet in open session at 8. p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Evening session was opened with prayer led by Rev. J. W. Runions, Grand Councillor elect.

Verbal reports were received from the representatives of the following Councils:—Aurora, Progress, Minnedosa, Fort Rouge, Virden, Vaughan Rockland, Stockton, Workers, Melita, Roseisle and Miami.

Bro. J. W. Kennedy, Senior Grand Past Councillor present, installed the officers.

The newly installed Grand Councillor gave a short address, after which Grand Past Councillor, Bro. Harrison, introduced the Grand Chief Templar of the I. O. G. T., Bro. Darwin, who briefly addressed the meeting, and concluded his address by hoping that a union of the two Orders might be effected.

Grand Council closed its twelfth annual session at 10:15 p. m. to meet again at the call of the Executive.

F. J. ALLAN,

Grand Secretary,

Approved.

REV. J. W. RUNIONS,

Grand Councillor.

APPENDIX 1.

BY-LAWS.

GRAND COUNCIL OF MANITOBA.

PREAMBLE.

This Grand Council shall be known as the "Grand Council of Manitoba, Royal Templars of Temperance," working under the charter and authority of the Dominion Council of Canada and Newfoundland Royal Templars of Temperance, which body is recognized as the source of all true and legitimate authority in this Order in the Dominion of Canada.

ART. I.—Sessions.

- SEC. 1. The annual sessions of this Grand Council shall be held some day in February, commencing at 9 o'clock, a.m.
- SEC. 2. The daily sittings during the annual sessions shall be, open at 9 a.m., 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and adjourn at 12 a.m., 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

ART. II.-MEMORIALS AND RESOLUTIONS.

- Sec. 1 All memorials and resolutions to be presented to the Grand Council must reach the Grand Secretary not later than the 15th day of January, and be by him published in the next following issue of the "Templar" for the information of Select Councils and their representatives, and be by the Grand Secretary presented to the following session of the Grand Council.
- Sec. 2. All motions and resolutions (except routine motions) shall be in writing; and shall be handed to the Grand Secretary, read aloud by him and referred to the proper committee.

ART. III.—REPORTS.

- Sec. 1. The reports of the Grand Council officers and standing committees shall be sent to the Grand Secretary, who shall present the same at the opening of the annual session and be referred to the proper committees.
- Sec. 2. The reports of the sessional committees shall be presented in writing, read and handed to the Grand Secretary, in whose custody they shall remain until disposed of by the Grand Council, such disposition to be clearly endorsed thereon by the Grand Secretary.

Sec. 3. For the purposes of this Grand Council the year shall begin on Feb. 1st and end on Jan. 31st of each year.

ART. IV.—FINANCES.

- Sec. 1. The revenue of the Grand Council shall be derived from such per capita tax from Select Councils as may be determined by the Grand Council.
- Sec. 2. From charter fees, which shall be \$75.00 for a Select Council charter, which shall cover the cost of supplies and institution, \$15.00 to be paid for the institution of the Royal Degree and \$60.00 on the institution of the Select Degree when sufficient charter members can be secured to pay that amount, and not otherwise.
- Sec. 3. From Collections to be taken if possible at all public meetings held under the direction of the Grand Council.
- Sec. 4. The Grand Secretary shall receive such salary or acknowledgement as the Grand Council may by vote determine prior to the election of that officer.
- Sec. 5. The Grand Council officers shall receive their travelling expenses to and from the Grand Council sessions and in the performance of their duties.

ART. V.—ORGANIZATION.

- Sec. 1. The Grand Councillor shall have control of all Revival Bands and Special Deputies, and arrange the territory to be worked. All questions of Finance to be first submitted to the Executive.
- Sec. 2. Each special or district deputy shall be required to furnish to the Executive quarterly, a detailed statement of receipts from charter fees and collections.
- Sec. 3. All Special and District Deputies shall also be required to make a written report of all work done, to the Grand Council in session.

ART. VI.—WHINE CROSS WORK.

The Grand Chaplain shall be the chairman of the White Cross Committee and the Superintendent of this work in this jurisdiction.

ART. VII.—CADET WORK.

The Grand Secretary shall issue commissions to superintendents and deputies who desire to organize Cadet Corps, furnish supplies and stock to Cadet Corps, collect reports from the Corps each quarter, and generally supervise and encourage the work in this department. He shall report to the Grand Council.

ART. VIII.—Bonds.

The Grand Secretary and Treasurer shall, within 30 days from their installation, furnish bonds with sureties satisfactory to the Grand Trustees for the sum of \$500.00 each.

ART. IX.—FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee shall, whenever called upon by the Grand Douncillor or the Executive Committee, and annually prior to the Grand Council session, examine the reports of the Grand Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor, and make such report theron, as may be requisite, to the Grand Council. Before the close of the annual session they shall present a report giving an estimate of the receipts and expenditure for the current year. Such expenditure to provide for salaries, travelling expenses, postage, printing and supplies, committee expenses, temperance work and publication.

ART. X.—AMENDMENTS.

These By-laws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the Grand Council at any annual session, such amendment or alteration to be submitted in writing to the committee on laws, and reported by it to the Grand Council

ART. XI.-MISCELLANEOUS.

- Sec. 1. Any of the foregoing By laws may be suspended on a two-thirds vote of the Grand Council.
- Sec. 2. Special organizers shall have the preference in entering a District Deputy's territory for the purpose of furthering the work of organization.

(Signed)

REV. J. W. RUNIONS,

Grand Councillor.

F. J. ALLAN,

Grand Secretary.

Мемо.

The following section was ordered to be struck out by the Dominion Councillor as unconstitutional, conflicting with Sec. 5, Art. VI, Page 33, viz.—

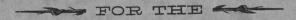
ELECTION OF GRAND COUNCILLOR.

No member shall be eligible to the office of Grand Councillor who has not previously filled some elective office in this Grand Council.





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